Increase in attacks on innocent people by terrorists

659. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that attacks on innocent people by the terrorist groups in Jammu and Kashmir and others parts of the country have increased during the last six months;

(b) if so, the details of incidents occurred during the above period; and

(c) whether Government have decided to take hard measures to crack down on militant and separatist groups, if so, the complete details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) All details of attacks on innocent people by the terrorist groups in the entire country are not maintained by the Central Government. However, 484 civilians have been killed in 2433 terrorist incidents in Jammu & Kashmir from August 2001 to 15th February 2002.

(c) Government have adopted multi-pronged and coordinated approach for tackling the activities of militant groups which includes strengthening of border management, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, neutralizing plans of ISI by well coordinated intelligence-based operations, setting up of out posts of Security Forces in vulnerable areas and modernization and upgradation of Police and security forces with advanced sohpisticated weapons and communications system, action as per law against overground supporters of terrorists etc.

Central Government has also been sensitizing the State Governments about the threat perception and activities of ISI in the country. Periodic coordination meetings are also held with the State Governments for sharing the inputs from various quarters as well as for devising strategies to counter such activities. Various security agencies belonging to Union and States have been working together to check the activities of ISI. As a result of coordinated action, a number of Pakistan backed modules have been neturalized.

Grant sactioned to West Bengal for modernisation of State Police

660. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the West Bengal Government did not utilize the grant sanctioned in 2000-2001 for modernisation of State Police;